WHEREAS, The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. observes its Fiftieth Anniversary in 1979; and,

WHEREAS, Since its inception this organization has promoted interest in gardening, horticulture, flower arranging, conservation, environmental education, youth gardening, landscaping, civic beautification, preservation and related areas; and,

WHEREAS, More than 430,000 persons are members and thus directly benefit along with 26,920 Junior, Intermediate and High School Gardeners; and,

WHEREAS, Countless others-communities and individuals in addition to residents in nursing homes and patients in hospitals-enjoy a better quality of life because of the efforts and concern of National Council of State Garden Clubs members; and,

WHEREAS, They have "Joined Hands To Serve" which includes working with their 23 National and 139 International Affiliate Member organizations thus promoting greater worldwide friendship and understanding by working toward similar goals; and,

WHEREAS, The South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is part of the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of May as

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and urge citizens of South Dakota to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them by membership in the South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Nine

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

ANKLOW, GOVERNOR